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1. KIRCHHOF, DIRECTOR OF EAST AFRICA SECTION OF ECON COOPMIN, CONFIRMED THAT ZAMBIAN DELEGATION VISITED BONN FEBRUARY 17 TO DISCUSS ZAMBIA'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND ASSISTANCE NEEDS. ZAMBIAN PRESENTATION, WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES MENTIONED IN PARA TWO, REFTTEL, WAS RECEIVED SYMPATHETICALLY BY ECONCOOPMIN OFFICIALS, BUT THE MINISTRY'S ROOM FOR MANEUVER IS LIMITED BY OVERALL REDUCTION IN FRG AID BUDGET.

2. KIRCHHOF TOLD US THAT THE FRG NOW PLANS TECHNICAL AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO DM 40-50 MILLION. THE EXACT FIGURE WILL DEPEND UPON THE SIZE OF THE TOTAL AID BUDGET, WHICH IS BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION, THE FRG WILL PROVIDE DM 6.3 MILLION IN COMMODITY ASSISTANCE. KIRCHHOF ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE MEASURES ARE SMALL
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IN SCOPE, BUT HE SAID THAT THE LIMITED BUDGETARY

RESOURCES SIMPLY DID NOT PERMIT MORE AT THIS TIME.

3. ZAMBIAN CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR KUWANI WILL BE
MEETING WITH BUNDESBANK OFFICIALS IN FRANKFURT ON
FEBRUARY 20 WHEN ZAMBIANS PLAN TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY
OF A STAND-BY CREDIT FROM BUNDESBANK. KIRCHHOF
TOLD US THAT THE ZAMBIANS DID NOT DISCUSS THE DETAILS
OF THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE BUNDESBANK WITH ECONCOOPMIN
OFFICIALS.
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